









**MAILS EXPECTED**

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & C. steamer *Oceanic*, with the American mail, was to leave Yokohama on the 19th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.

The O. & C. steamer *Conito*, with the Singapore American mail, left San Francisco on the 5th May, and may be expected here on or about the 4th June.

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STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ben Line steamer *Bromo* will leave Singapore on the 27th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

The Castle Line steamer *Glamis Castle* will leave Singapore on the 21st, and is due here on the 27th inst.

The Shire Line steamer *Redoubtable* will leave Singapore on the 21st, and is due here on the 28th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Slender* left Singapore on the evening of the 21st, and is due on the 28th inst.

### POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is also corrected to a much later hour than that of the other papers.

A MAIL WILL GOVERN

For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Kumomaru*, to-day, the 25th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

For Soloon.—Per *Cruiser*, to-day, the 25th instant, at 5.00 p.m.

For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Yasuda*, to-morrow, the 26th instant, at 11.30 a.m.

For Sandakan and Kulat.—Per *Thalys*, to-day, Friday, the 1st June, at 3.30 p.m.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACK**  
 The French Contrant Pack "OX"  
 will be despatched on **THURSDAY** to-  
 morrow, with Mails to the United King-  
 dom, and places beyond, via Naples:  
 Genoa, Strada Sottile, Leghorn, Brin-  
 devone, India (via Madras), the Austral  
 Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar.  
 The usual hours will be observed in o-  
 f the Mails, &c.

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**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRANT  
 MAILS.**  
 THE FRENCH MAIL.  
*Day before Departure.*  
 For Marseilles, 10.30. For Leghorn, 10.30.  
 For Naples, 10.30. For Genoa, 10.30.

close, except the night box, which is to  
open out of office hours.

*Day of Departure.*

7 A.M., Post Office opens.  
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Post  
all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.  
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late  
of 10 cents until  
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes and  
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on  
the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents  
time of departure.

**THE ENGLISH MAIL.**

The following hours are observed in

**Day of Departure.**

NOON.—Money Order Office closes.  
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.  
5.00 P.M.—Exchange of Letters ceases.  
6.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
8.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until  
9.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes and  
9.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on the packet with late fee of 10 cents till the time of departure.

**MONEY LETTERS.**

Public attention is called to the fact that extract from the Hongkong Postal

Paragraph 60:—

for unregistered Letters containing Bank  
 &c., and, where Registration has been used  
 WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged  
 of such Letters."

No responsibility can be accepted by the  
 Office for erroneous replies to verbal en-  
 or to notes addressed to subordinates or  
 shroffs told off to stamp stamps should ex-  
 not be regarded as able to give correct in-  
 lation. The Postal Guide alone is the stand-  
 all points on which such information is  
 required.

Boxes of letters are sometimes received  
 Post Office not sealing that is to say, the  
 Post Office not sealing was, but there is

The attention of bookholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such books so recognizable seal, and of sending book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached Post Office; the omission of the former, whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamp.

**"SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS"**  
 1.—Privates in U. M. Army or Navy commissioned Officers' Bandwagons Schoolmasters (Not Superintendent or Class) Writers or Schoolmistresses may half-ounce letters to the United King-

which may be prepaid either in Imperial  
Hongkong Stamps. By private stamps  
postage is 2 cents (one penny), which  
the general rate of Postage on Soldiers'  
Sailors' letters sent elsewhere.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters  
addressed to the Privates and Non-Commissioned  
Officers named above.

3.—Private Sailors leave Hongkong  
London and every 7 days.

The letters must not exceed half an  
ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be  
even with the ends open.

5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his  
description must be stated in full on the  
cover of which must be signed by the  
mailing Officer, with name of regiment, sh

6.—Soldiers and Sailors have no price with regard to books or papers, nor can they prepay with Imperial Station.

\* But not Warrant Officer, viz.—Commander, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY S. S. SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is fitted as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to put the letters in the ordinary way, with the name of the ship and the post office to which they are sent. The Post Office authorities do not, in this respect, differ from the

**LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCELS POSTED.**  
1.—Small Parcels may be sent by Post at the Rates between Hongkong and the Straits, to Post Offices in China, as well as to the Straits, Pahol, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon, and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight not 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Each parcel may be wholly covered with paper, but must be stamped with the words "Parcel" to bear this special endorsement. Parcel, contents, no letter, but any parcel may be opened by the Postmaster General. In the case of India Parcels for India a declaration of contents must be submitted.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and the ports of the Province, the Postmaster and the Treasury have agreed that the holders of the Treasury Notes are allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps for their own use, and for the use of their dependents and other persons resident in the Colony.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly of good condition, and in strips of at least 10 separate Stamps will be purchased. The Stamps must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

Letters containing Stamps should be

Observation:



